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DENR SPECIAL ORDER  
No. 2002- 679

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**SUBJECT: CREATION OF REGIONAL FIELD INVENTORY TEAMS (RFITs) TO IMPLEMENT THE FOREST RESOURCES ASSESSMENT (FRA) PROJECT IN THE PHILIPPINES AND DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE FRA NATIONAL COORDINATING OFFICE (FRA-NCO)**

1. In the interest of the service and pursuant to the provisions of the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) Project supported by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, DENR Regional Field Inventory Teams (RFITs) are hereby created to implement the Forest Resources Assessment project.
2. The RFITs composed of technical personnel from the DENR regional offices are as follows:

National Capital Region (NCR)

Team Leader: Forester Edmundo Esteban  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Arturo G. Calderon

Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR)

Team Leader: Forester Marilyn L. Malicdan  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Nicanor Baltazar

Region 1

Team Leader: Forester Juan L. Octaviano, Jr.  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Cezario L. Nazarro

Region 2

Team Leader: Forester Feliciano T. Jose, Jr.  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Bernardo M. Valiente

Region 3

Team Leader: Forester Danilo P. Catacutan  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Dominador Z. Taguiam

Region 4-A

Team Leader: Forester Efren Buen  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Elmer Sune

Region 4-B

Team Leader: Forester Veronica de Guzman  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Patricia N. Talamisan

Region 5

Team Leader: Forester Luvimindo S. Chioco  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Ronnel Sopsop

Region 6

Team Leader: Forester Jose P. Briones  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Edmundo L. Legayada

Region 7

Team Leader: Forest Olivia M. Apaap  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Luisito T. Babaran

Region 8

Team Leader: Forester Leo M. Poculan  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Reseller E. Cay

Region 9

Team Leader: Forester Casiano Barbaso  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Victor Eslao

Region 10

Team Leader: Forester Nestor Augusto  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Lida S. Bagonoc

Region 11

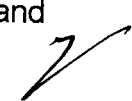
Team Leader: Forester Teody Abrinica  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Marcelino Barquin, Jr.

Region 12

Team Leader: Forester Ali M. Hadji Nasser  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Salic U. Magad

Region 13

Team Leader: Forester Remegio Fahigal  
Asst. Team Leader: Forester Romeo Luengas

3. The RFITs shall undertake forest resources assessment in their respective regions using the inventory design developed for the project.
  4. The RFITs are authorized to seek the assistance of any official/personnel in the concerned Regional Environment and Natural Resources Offices (RENROs), Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Offices (PENROs) and Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices (CENROs).
  5. The RFITs shall seek the assistance of PAWB/EMPAS personnel when a field observation site fall within protected areas. The PAWB/EMPAS personnel shall assist the RFITs at sites falling inside protected areas, following their mandate for community interaction in these areas.
  6. The RFITs shall be entitled to reasonable transportation expenses, allowances and per diems chargeable against the FRA Funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
  7. The RFIT may be assisted by Forest Management Bureau Field Inventory Assistance Team (FMB-FIAT) to be designated by the Director, FMB when the FRA National Coordinating Office (FRA-NCCO) determines that there is a need to facilitate the speedy completion of the task. The members of the FMB-FIAT shall be entitled to the same privileges and remuneration as the RFIT.
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8. The membership of the FRA-NCO created under FMB Special Order No. 2002-57 dated May 14, 2002 is hereby augmented to include representatives from the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), as follows:

Forester Saldivar B. Asprit  
Forester Reneo Vicente

The NAMRIA representatives shall, through their Remote Sensing and Resource Data Analysis Department, provide spatial information required for the design and implementation of the assessment. They shall also provide training on GPS and field measurement techniques.

- 10 This Order takes effect immediately and supercedes other Orders inconsistent herewith.

  
HEHERSON T. ALVAREZ *s/o*  
Secretary

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